

**The Sinner and  
the Survivor: The Story of Two Worshipers - the Devout and the Distracted**

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## **Chapter 1: The Reward of Quenching Thirst**

### **A Journey Through the Wilderness:**

**According to a narration from Anas ibn Malik, the Messenger of Allah, Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him), said:**

**Two men were travelling through a desolate wilderness.**

**One of them was a devout worshipper, while the other was a sinner. The worshipper became extremely thirsty and collapsed due to exhaustion.**

**His companion, the sinner, saw him lying on the ground in a dire state and said:**

## **A Crisis of Conscience:**

### **Sinner:**

**“By Allah! If this worshipper dies of thirst while I have water with me, I shall never receive any goodness from Allah. But if I give him my water, I will die myself.”**

**Despite the dilemma, he placed his trust in Allah.**

**He sprinkled a little water on the worshipper and gave him the remainder to drink.**

**The worshipper regained strength, stood up, and successfully crossed the wilderness.**

**The Day of Reckoning:**

**On the Day of Judgement, the sinner will be brought forth for accountability.**

**A verdict will be passed against him, sentencing him to Hell.**

**As the angels escort him towards the Fire, he will notice the worshipper and call out to him:**

**A Plea for Recognition:**

**Sinner:**

**“O so-and-so! Do you not recognise me?”**

**Worshipper:**

**“Who are you?”**

**Sinner:**

**“I am the one who gave you preference over myself in the wilderness.”**

**Worshipper:**

**“Indeed, I do recognise you.”**

**A Petition Before the Divine:**

**The worshipper will then address the angels:**

**An Intercession of Mercy:**

**Worshipper:**

**“Wait!”**

**The angels will pause. The worshipper will advance and stand before Allah, supplicating with humility:**

**A Call for Divine Justice:**

**Worshipper:**

**“O my Lord! You know of his act of kindness and how he preferred me over himself. O my Lord, grant him to me.”**

**Allah, the Exalted, will say:**

**The Divine Decree:**

**Allah:**

**“He is yours.”**

**The worshipper will then return, take the sinner by the hand, and enter Paradise with him.**